

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus, comprising:
a modem that makes a dial-up connection to a ~~server~~ service provider of e-mail via a telephone line;
an operation section that includes at least a start button and a stop button, the stop button being configured for disconnecting the connection to the service provider;
and
an e-mail receiver that receives e-mail data from the connected service provider and that, when the stop button is ~~pressed~~ operated while receiving the e-mail data, disconnects the connection to the service provider without waiting for the completion of the e-mail data reception, and ~~without performing~~ requiring operation of the start button to perform another communication.
2. (Previously Presented) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said e-mail receiver receives the e-mail data by a message unit.
3. (Currently Amended) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said e-mail receiver, when receiving the e-mail data from the service provider, detects whether the e-mail data is the same e-mail data that was disconnected without waiting for the completion of the e-mail data reception while being previously received.

4. (Currently Amended) A dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus, comprising:
a modem that makes a dial-up connection to a service provider of e-mail via a telephone line;

an operation section that includes a stop button, the stop button being configured for interrupting the reception of the e-mail data from the service provider; and

an e-mail receiver that receives e-mail from the connected service provider and that, when the stop button is ~~pressed~~ operated while receiving the e-mail data, interrupts the reception of the e-mail data from the service provider without waiting for the completion of the e-mail data reception, said receiver proceeding to the reception of the next e-mail data from the service provider after the ~~interrupted~~ interruption in reception of the e-mail data without an intervening data reception communication.

5. (Previously Presented) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 4,

wherein said e-mail receiver sets a flag when the e-mail reception is interrupted.

6. (Previously Presented) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an error notifier that transmits an error notification mail to the sender of the e-mail data when the e-mail reception is interrupted.

7. (Currently Amended) A dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus~~[[,]]~~ configured to receive an e-mail from a service provider, the e-mail comprising a header and a body, the Internet facsimile apparatus comprising:

a modem that makes a dial-up connection to ~~[[a]]~~ the service provider of e-mail via a telephone line;

an e-mail receiver that receives data regarding a size of the e-mail data from the service provider before receiving the e-mail data, skips reception of the e-mail with the received size when the received size data of the e-mail data exceeds a predetermined value, and proceeds to reception of a next e-mail data without receiving either the header or the body of the e-mail data with the received size.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving e-mail data, comprising:
making a dial-up connection to a service provider of e-mail via a telephone line;
receiving e-mail data from the connected service provider; and
disconnecting, when a stop button is ~~pressed~~ operated while receiving the e-mail data, the connection to the service provider without waiting for the completion of the e-mail data reception, and ~~without performing~~ requiring operation of a start button to perform another communication.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving e-mail data, comprising:
making a dial-up connection to a service provider of e-mail via a telephone line;
receiving e-mail data from the connected service provider;
interrupting, when a stop button is ~~pressed~~ operated while receiving the e-mail data, the reception of the e-mail data from the service provider without waiting for the completion of the e-mail data reception; and

proceeding to the reception of the next e-mail data from the service provider after ~~the interrupted~~ the interruption in reception of the e-mail data without an intervening data reception communication.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving an e-mail data, the e-mail comprising a header and a body, the method comprising:

making a dial-up connection to a service provider of e-mail via a telephone line;
receiving data regarding a size of the e-mail ~~data~~ from the service provider
before receiving the e-mail ~~data~~;

skipping reception of the e-mail with the received size when the received size
data of the e-mail ~~data~~ exceeds a predetermined value, and

proceeding to reception of a next e-mail ~~data~~ without receiving either the header
or the body of the e-mail data with the received size.

11. (Previously Presented) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according
to claim 1, wherein the receiver disconnects the connection without regard to progress
of the e-mail data reception.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of the receiving e-mail data according
to claim 8, wherein the disconnecting being without regard to progress of the e-mail
data reception.

13. (New) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 7,
wherein the e-mail receiver receives the next e-mail data without receiving the skipped
e-mail data, when the size data of the next e-mail data does not exceed the
predetermined value.

14. (New) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the e-mail receiver, upon disconnection of the connection to the service
provider, stores data indicating that the e-mail data has been incompletely received.

15. (New) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 14,
wherein, prior to receiving e-mail data, the e-mail receiver determines whether the e-
mail data represents new data or represents previously incompletely received data.

16. (New) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the e-mail receiver is configured to determine whether an e-mail has been previously received, and when an e-mail is determined to have been previously received, the e-mail receiver proceeds to reception of the next e-mail without determining the size of the previously received e-mail.

17. (New) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 15, wherein when the e-mail receiver determines the e-mail data to represent previously incompletely received data, the e-mail receiver does not receive the e-mail data and determines whether another e-mail is to be received.

18. (New) The dial-up Internet facsimile apparatus according to claim 4, wherein when the e-mail receiver interrupts reception of the e-mail data, the e-mail receiver identifies the e-mail data as e-mail data that has been received.